

**Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 6, 2016
Asheville Police Department**

Present: Councilman Keith Young, Chair Jayden Gurney, Vice Chair Larry Holt, Debbie Applewhite, Fred Cooke, Sir Charles Gardner, Carol Rogoff Hallstrom, Cliff Joslin

Staff: Chief Tammy Hooper, Deputy Chief James Baumstark, Lt. Don Eberhardt, Assistant City Manager Paul Fetherston, Christina Hallingse, Assistant City Attorney John Maddux, Lt. Chuck Sams, Marsha Stickford, Deputy Chief Wood

Guests: Michael Beech, Missy Reed, Timothy Sadler, Tim Splain

Meeting: Called to order by Chair Jayden Gurney at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- February and March minutes were approved as submitted.

Presentation: Tim Splain, Domestic Violence Call In

- A focused deterrence approach to reduce predictable/preventable domestic violence
- First one was February 11, 2016; hope to schedule next one in June
- Ms. Rogoff Hallstrom encouraged CPAC members to attend

APD & City Staff Update:

Update from Chief Hooper:

- Will give update on implementation of Strategic Operating Plan next month as quarterly report due April 10 to Chief; working on multi-year plan to replace SOP
- Will report back next month on Property and Evidence as their quarterly report due soon
- Lt/Sgt promotional process completed in March; will promote five candidates to sergeant by end of week; anticipate promoting four lieutenants and an additional five plus sergeants by end of year
- 226 citations issued during "Obey the Sign, or Pay the Fine" campaign
- "Click It or Ticket" campaign will run in May
- Expect delivery of Body Worn Cameras in mid-May; LE technician hired to manage the program with start date of April 25; his first task will be getting the infrastructure set up; will attend a AHA Residents Council meeting to share BWC information if invited

Old Business:

Former ABCRC seat on CPAC

- Tabled until May
- Will set formal guidelines for ad hoc seats at May's meeting

New Business: Committee member regional concerns

North (28804) – Carol Rogoff Hallstrom:

Navigating the complaint process

- Lt. Chuck Sams, Professional Standards Lieutenant , reported that complaint forms (in English and in Spanish) can be picked up at all APD substations and at the Police Information Desk, can be accessed on the City's website and can be called in

Custodial interrogation and Miranda warning

- Tabled as Assistant City Attorney Maddux had to leave the meeting before agenda item was reached

2016 Racial Equity Institute training

- May 18-19, and September 14-15
- Ms. Rogoff Hallstrom encouraged CPAC members to attend

Pedestrian crosswalk in North Asheville (on Merrimon Avenue of Beaver Lake)

- Concern over location of crosswalk
- APD to examine and make recommendation to NCDOT if appropriate

Other

- Ms. Rogoff Hallstrom will invite representatives of "Black Lives Matter" to give presentation at June meeting

South – Cliff Joslin

- Requested contacts in event of tax fraud and identity theft
- Tax fraud: Sgt. Lamb reported that APD can take the initial report, but then will connect to IRS federal investigators
- Loss of credit card: report immediately to credit card company; Mr. Joslin suggested going online frequently and checking activity on credit card to more quickly become aware if credit card has been compromised
- More information on City's website:
<http://www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/Police/PolicingServices/CriminalInvestigations/Fraud.aspx>
- Disappointed in turnout at Coffee With a Cop March 19 at Tupelo Honey South; in the future, CPAC members to be notified of all Coffee With a Cop events

East (28805) – Debbie Applewhite:

- Quiet in East Asheville

Central – Larry Holt

- Lots of graffiti issues; normally occur between 0200 and 0600; Downtown Unit aware and running frequent special operations
- Usual pass through of seasonal transients
- Downtown Unit doing great job
- Commended PIO Christina Hallingse and Neighborhood Coordinator Marsha Stickford; good to have single person to go to who can articulate and address issues; worthwhile expenditure for City

Housing – Sgt. Lamb

- With the warmer weather, increased loitering and street level drug traffic
- Working with community to address concerns

Ad Hoc: MADD – Fred Cooke

- Would like Sgt. Ann Fowler to attend the May meeting to update CPAC on the progress of the DWI Task Force, which has been in existence for three years
- Commended Sgt. Fowler as a premier law enforcement officer on impairment recognition

Ad Hoc: AHA Residents Council – Sir Charles Gardner

- Erskine 58/60 Building: concerns re gambling and drugs in that area; Sgt. Lamb reported that he had visited with some of the residents there this morning, and was working to address their concerns
- Expressed concerns shared with him about calls to APD with no response; Chief asked for specific dates/times to be able to investigate

Public Comment:

Michael Beech

- Did ride-along with Sgt. Lamb as part of his involvement with the Citizens Police Academy; very impressed with how Sgt. Lamb goes about doing his job; asked about possibility of using Body Worn Cameras to show images of positive LE interactions
- Taking some Housing youths on fishing trip, and trips to Pisgah National Forest

Timothy Sadler

- Suggested letter to editor to get story to public re value of Public Information Officers
- Commended department and Chief Hooper as being friendly to friends who had recently relocated to area; officers rebuilding trust between LE and community
- Suggested moving away from use of lethal weapons such as Tasers by LEO
- Suggested Inmate Bill of Rights to address inhumane conditions in prisons

Adjourned: 4:20 PM

Next Meeting Date: May 4, 3:00 p.m.